(b) If so, what are the main reasons for not supplying gas to the State, as for the commitment made by Government earlier to the State Government;

(c) whether it is also fact that the State Government is bearing huge losses due to non-availability of gas to the Power Project; and

(d) if so, by when the supply of gas is likely to be made available to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) It has been decided to take the entire gas from Mid and South Tapti to Hazira to meet the existing commitments at Hazira and along the HBJ Pipeline.

Allocation of Gas from Tapti Gas fields to Pipavav

3696. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a decision has been taken in principle to allocate gas for the proposed Pipavav Power Plant, subject to the development of Tapti Off-shore Gas-fields;

(b) if not, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) if so, how much quantity of gas is proposed to be allocated to Pipavav Power Project from Tapti Offi-shore Gas-fields and when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) It has been decided to take the entire gas from Mid and South Tapti to Hazira to meet the existing commitments at Hazira and along the HBJ Pipeline.

Tamper proof sealing of LPG Cylinders

3697. SYED SIBTEY RAZI:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been requested including by the Delhi Govt. to provide tamper proof sealing devices on the LPG cylinders;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these requests are based on a large number of complaints of seizure of LPG cylinders containing lesser quantity of LPG;

(d) whether such offences are punishable under the laws;

(e) whether Government propose to take some immediate action on these requests; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Two types namely PVC and Aluminium tamper-proof seals are being used by the LPG marketing companies Suggestions in this regard are received from time to time.

(c) No, Sir. Some complaints are, however, received.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) On receipt of complaints in regard to supply of underweight cylinders, the same are investigated by the field officers of the oil companies. If the complaint is established the cylinder is replaced or proportionate cost refunded to the

customer as the case may be. In all established cases, action is taken against the erring distributor in line with the Marketing Discipline Guidelines.

Alleged collection of money by IOC Employees in Bihar

3698. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 1249 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th December, 1994 and state

(a) wheter Auto Service Station of Darbhanga, Bihar, an Indian Oil Retail outlet, has complained to the District Magistrate Darbhanga with a copy to Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) Marketing Authorities, on the 7th February, 1995, regarding the threat from a section of employees of IOC for donation of a big amount in the name of Indian Oil Employees' Trust;

(b) whether another dealer of Begusarai, Bihar, vide his letter dated the 17th February, 1995 to Chief **quantity refills by LPG distribution** ing, Patna Divisional Office, has also alleged that a section of employees demanded rupees one lac for construction of a hospital under the above Trust;

(c) if so, whether IOC is still relying on the verbal enquiry as stated in the reply to the above-referred quetion and whether there is any provision of verbal enquiry in the certified Standing Order for employees; if so, how many such verbal enquiries have been conducted so far; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons that in this case such an unusual mode of enquiry was preferred?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) There is no provision for verbal enquiry in the certified standing orders of the IOC. However, a preliminary enquiry can be conducted to ascertain whether there is a *prima facie* case warranting further action.

(d) In this case, a committee of three senior officers was constituted for enquiring into the allegations. However, no *prima facie* case was established.

Complaints regarding supply of less quantity refills by LPG distributors

3699. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that complaints from LPG consumers about supply of lesser quantity refills by the LPG distributors are continuing to be received by the oil companies;

(b) if so, the details of such complaints received during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) whether it is a fact that suggestions have been received even from some State Governments that LPG delivery persons should carry weighing device;

(d) if so, the reaction of Government to such suggestions; and

(e) the details of steps taken by Government to prevent pilferage of LPG from refills and ensure its supply to consumers with correct measures?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) The details of established complaints regarding supply of under weight cylinders received by Government